

## REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide information on the related applications and priority claim.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency of the claims. The amendments made herein are of a clerical, typographical or grammatical nature.

It is submitted that the amendments to the specification and claims do not introduce new matter.

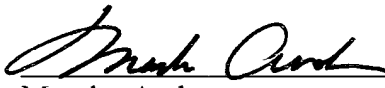
In view of the foregoing, consideration and an early allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,  
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